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PATENT APPLICATION
Docket No.: 7045.16

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
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PETITION TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c)
AND MPEP 708.02 V "ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY"

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

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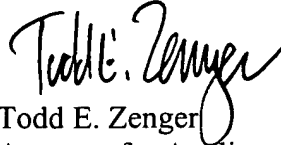
Applicant respectfully requests that examination of the above-referenced patent application be advanced out of turn and that the prosecution be performed in an expedited manner. In conformance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c) and MPEP 708.02 V, Applicant submits this written Petition in favor of an application that significantly impacts the preservation and maintenance of water and soil. The petition does not require a fee.

Accompanying this Petition is a statement of the Invention pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102.

All requirements of this Petition being met, Applicant requests that it be granted.

DATED this 12th day of April, 2002.

Respectfully submitted,



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STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(c)

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The declarant and inventor, Edward Jackson, states as follows:

1. I am a citizen of the United States and over 21 years of age. I make this declaration voluntarily and based upon my own personal knowledge.
2. The technology set forth in this application materially enhances the quality of the environment, or materially contributes to the development and conservation of energy resources.
3. In particular, the present invention contributes to the restoration and maintenance of water and soil. The present invention does so as follows:
4. Many areas of the world have water that is alkaline, that is, water with high ph caused by the presence of bicarbonates and carbonates at detrimental levels. When such water is consistently used on soil, it causes the soil to crust and creates a layer in the soil which impedes

penetration of water, air, and other nutrients. In short, the soil becomes less productive and eventually useless.

5. The present invention is directed to a self-contained device, having no moving parts, which creates a sufficiently acidic aqueous solution which, when combined with alkaline water, neutralizes the bicarbonates and carbonates in the water, or provides a slightly acidic water to counteract the alkaline nature of already damaged water or soil. That is, the apparatus of the present invention creates a sufficiently acidic solution to neutralize highly alkaline water, to help break down damaged soil to revitalize it. In this way, less water is needed for watering crops and the soil is revitalized.

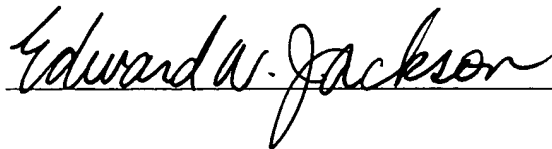
6. Different forms of the present invention have been patented and are presently pending for patent protection. I have met with water conservation experts, agricultural experts, diplomats and government leaders, as well as other water resource companies, entities and agencies world wide.

7. The invention has been met with excitement and hopes that the invention might be soon made available. Because the invention materially enhances the quality of the environment by contributing to the restoration, maintenance and efficient use of water and soil, I request that prosecution be expedited and advanced out of turn.

8. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

DATED this 12th day of April, 2002.

EDWARD JACKSON, Declarant and Inventor

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Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTRODUCING SULPHUR DIOXIDE INTO AQUEOUS SOLUTIONS**

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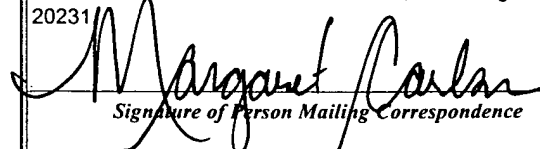
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